

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, the Abstract and claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended. Also, claims 7-15 have been added. Claims 1-15 are pending and under consideration. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

**I. OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS:**

In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to the FIG. 9. In order to overcome this objection, an annotated sheet showing the change made and a replacement sheet are submitted herewith. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to FIG. 9 is respectfully requested.

**II. OBJECTION TO THE ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with the foregoing, the Abstract has been amended. Thus, withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

**III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 3 AND 5 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH:**

As mentioned above, claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended. Therefore, withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 1, 3 and 5 is respectfully requested.

**IV. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:**

The Examiner asserts that dependent claims 2, 4 and 6 contain allowable subject matter. Thus, reconsideration of claims 2, 4 and 6 based upon the amendments to base independent claims 1, 3 and 5 is respectfully requested.

**V. NEW CLAIMS 7-15:**

New claims 7-15 include the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in item 4 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

**VI. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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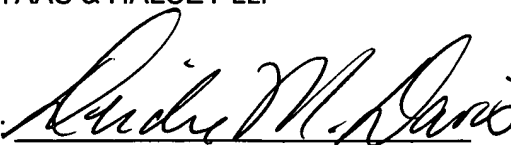
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Fig.8

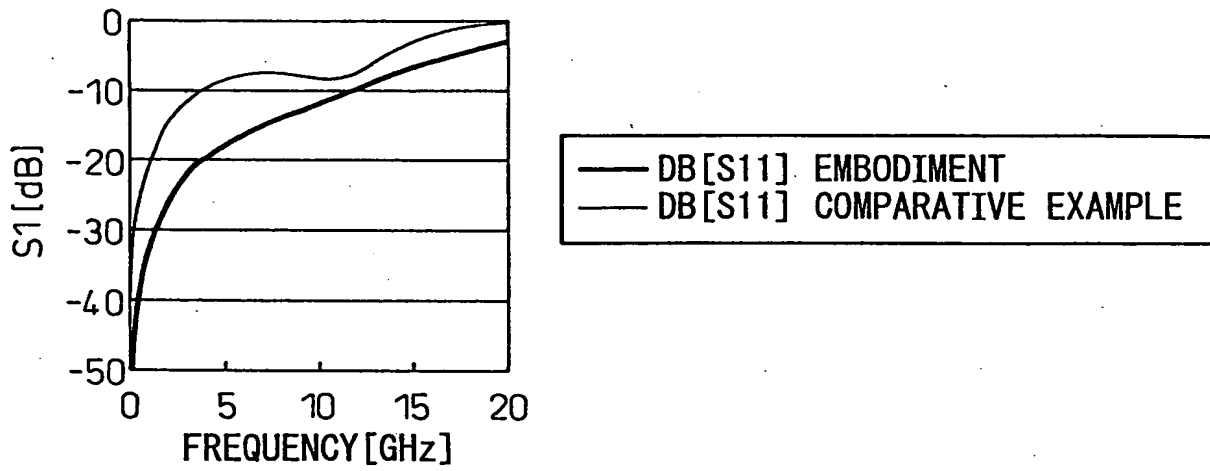


Fig.9  
(PRIOR ART)

